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MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURES IN SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS

This notice is to advise you of new procedures that will be followed by this court in the processing of Social Security appeals commencing January 1, 1999. These new procedures will apply to those actions which are filed on or after January 1, 1999.

In short, the standard briefing schedule, with which you may have become familiar, has been slightly modified. Although the standard letter which will be sent to the parties after the filing of the action should be consulted for the details, you will find that, henceforth, defendant Commissioner will not file the transcript of administrative proceedings until he files his brief. He will, however, serve a copy of the transcript of administrative proceedings on the plaintiff within 60 days of service of the complaint.

Thirty days after being served with a copy of the transcript, the plaintiff is to file his or her brief. The defendant's responsive brief (along with the transcript of administrative proceedings) is to be filed 30 days later and the reply brief to be filed 15 days after the filing of the responsive brief.

Again, you should consult the standard letter for more details.